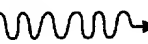


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 Green: $4I_{13/2}$ Quenching
 Red: Er - Yb Back Transfer
 Multiphoton Relaxation

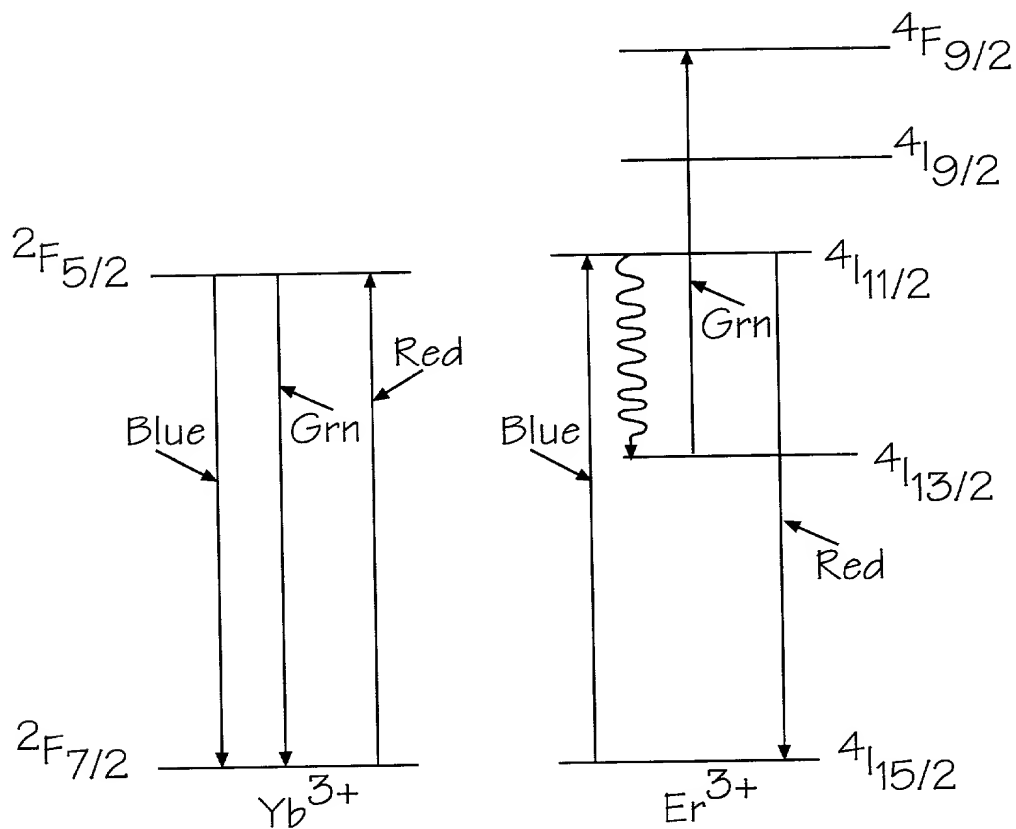


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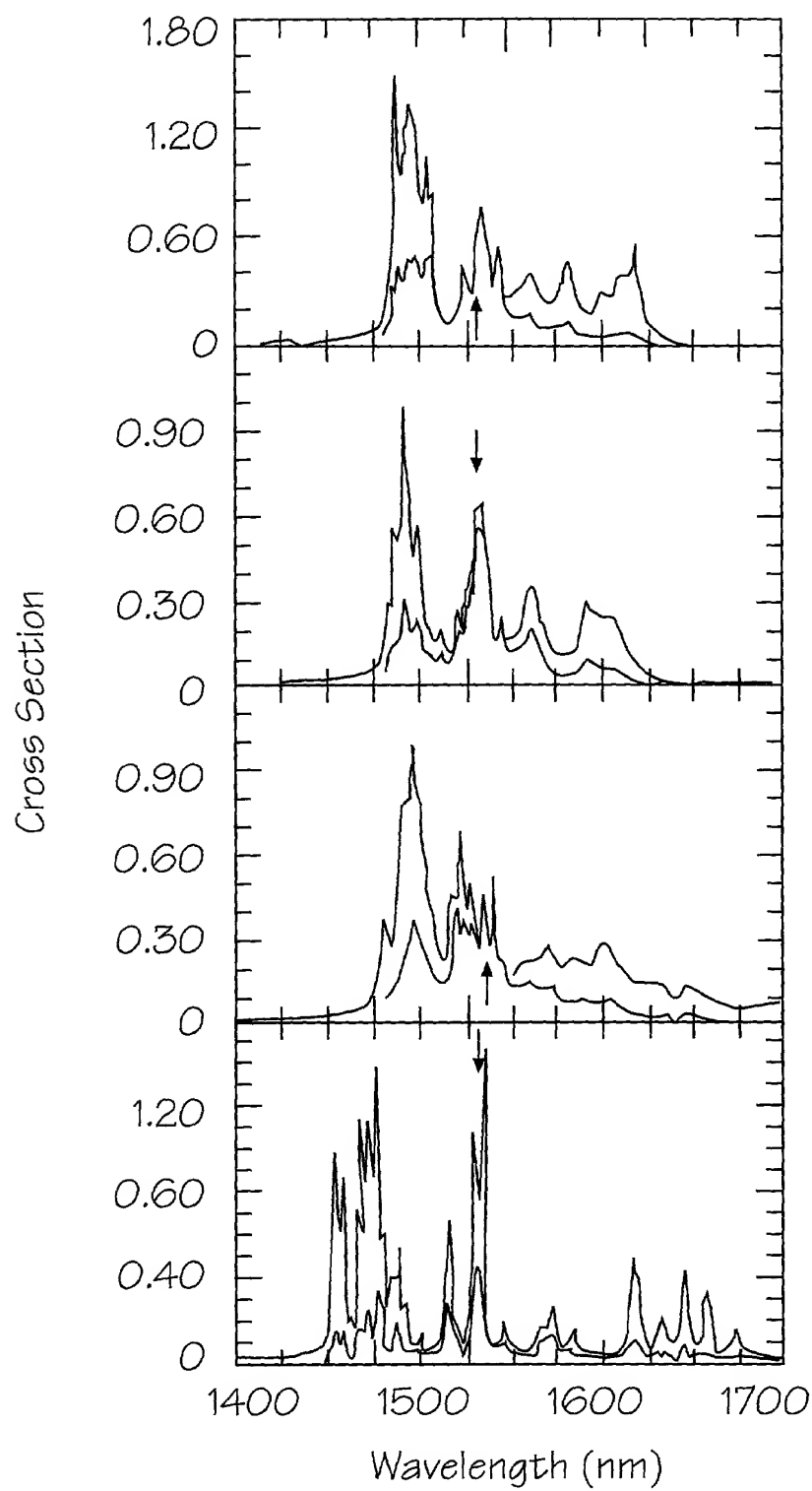


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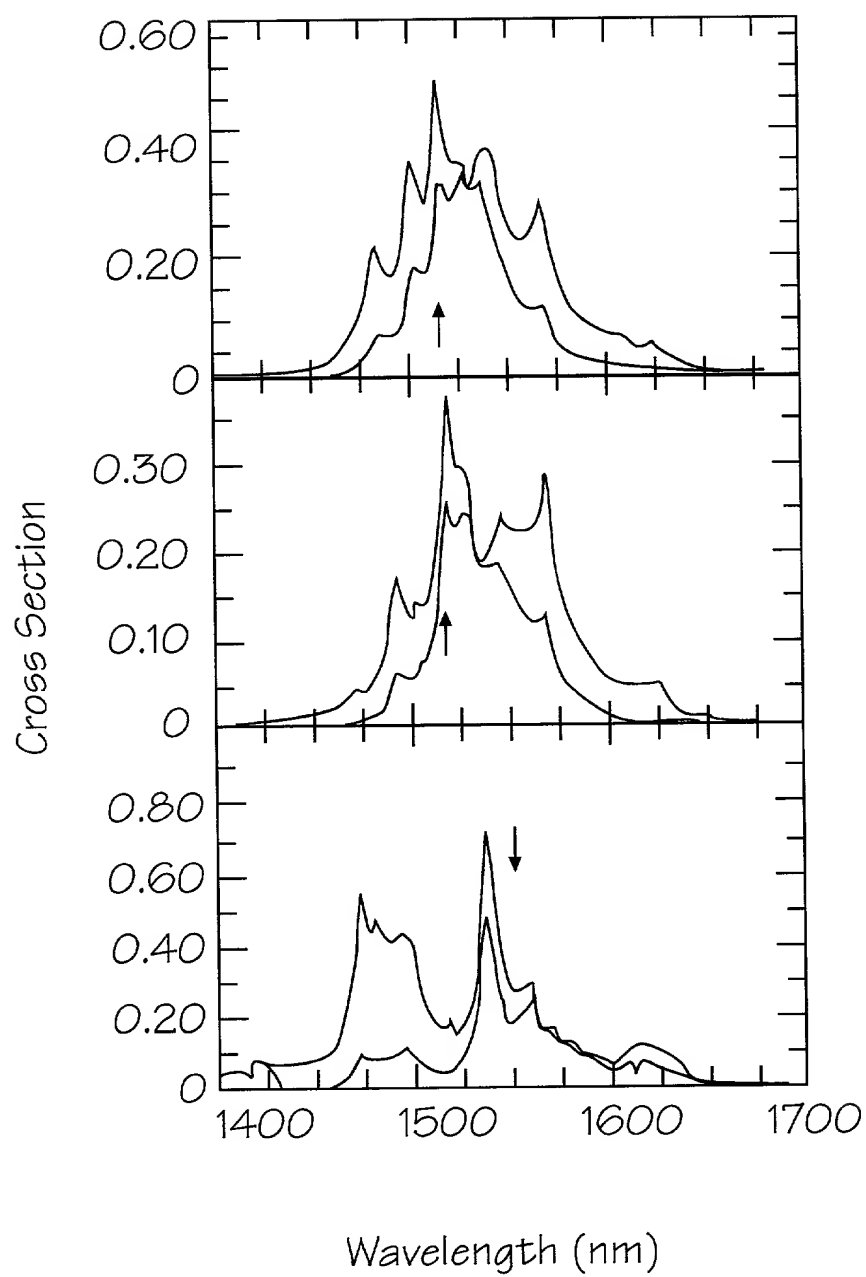


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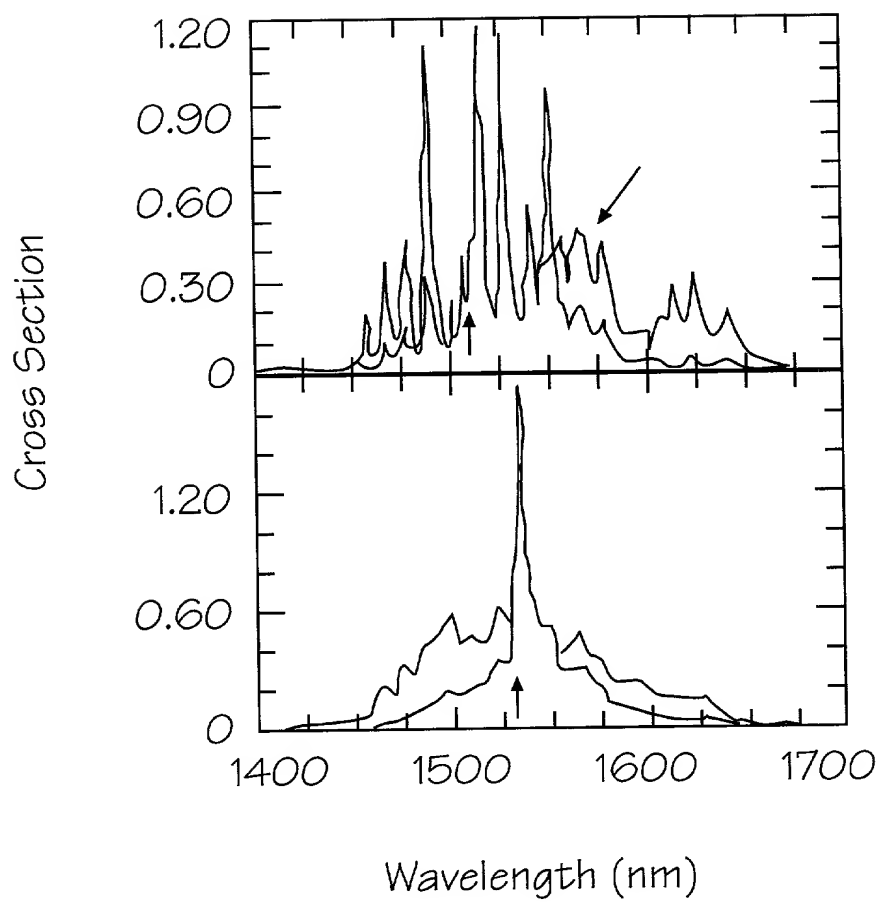


Figure 2c

Tm:Ho:YAG
Best fit 0.19msec
Effective Energy Storage
Lifetime

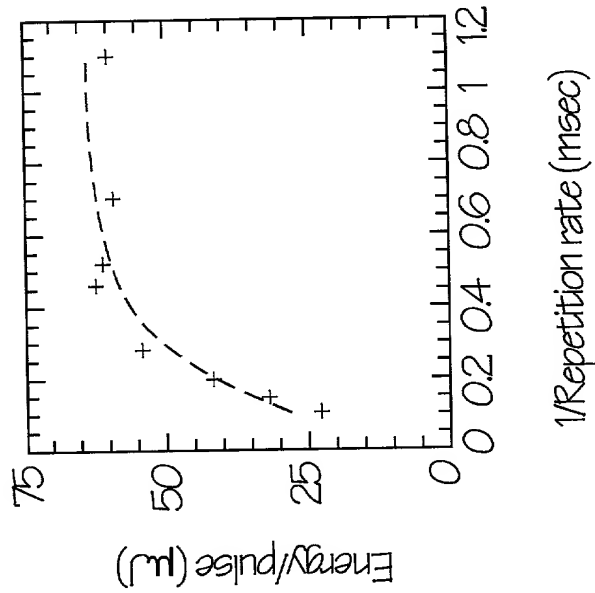


Figure 3a

Ho:YAG
Best fit 3.3msec
Effective Energy Storage
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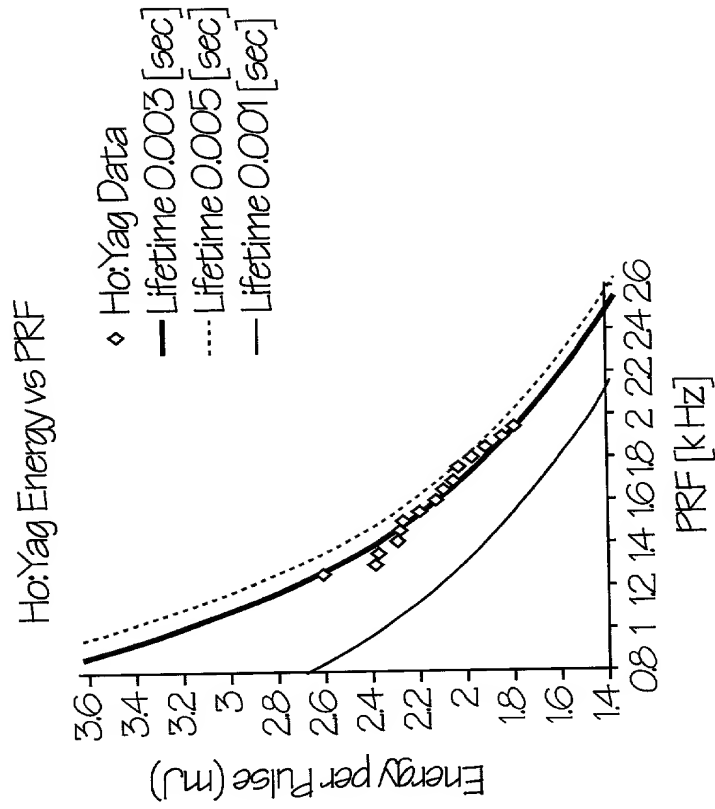


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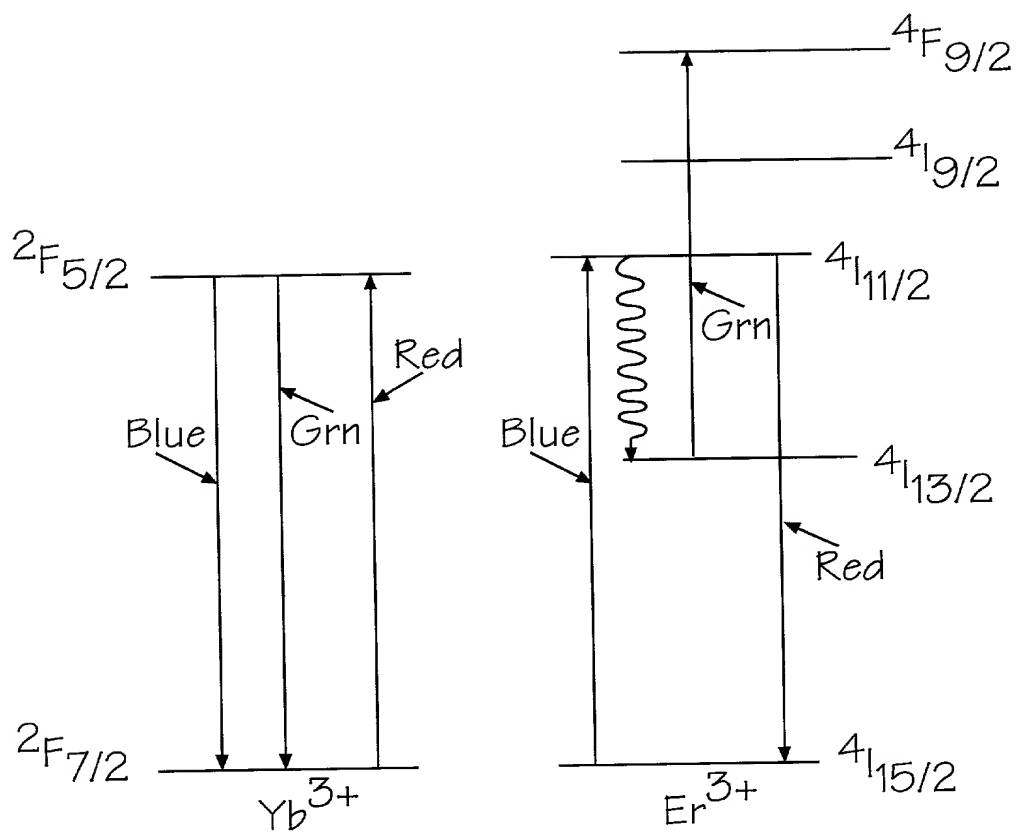


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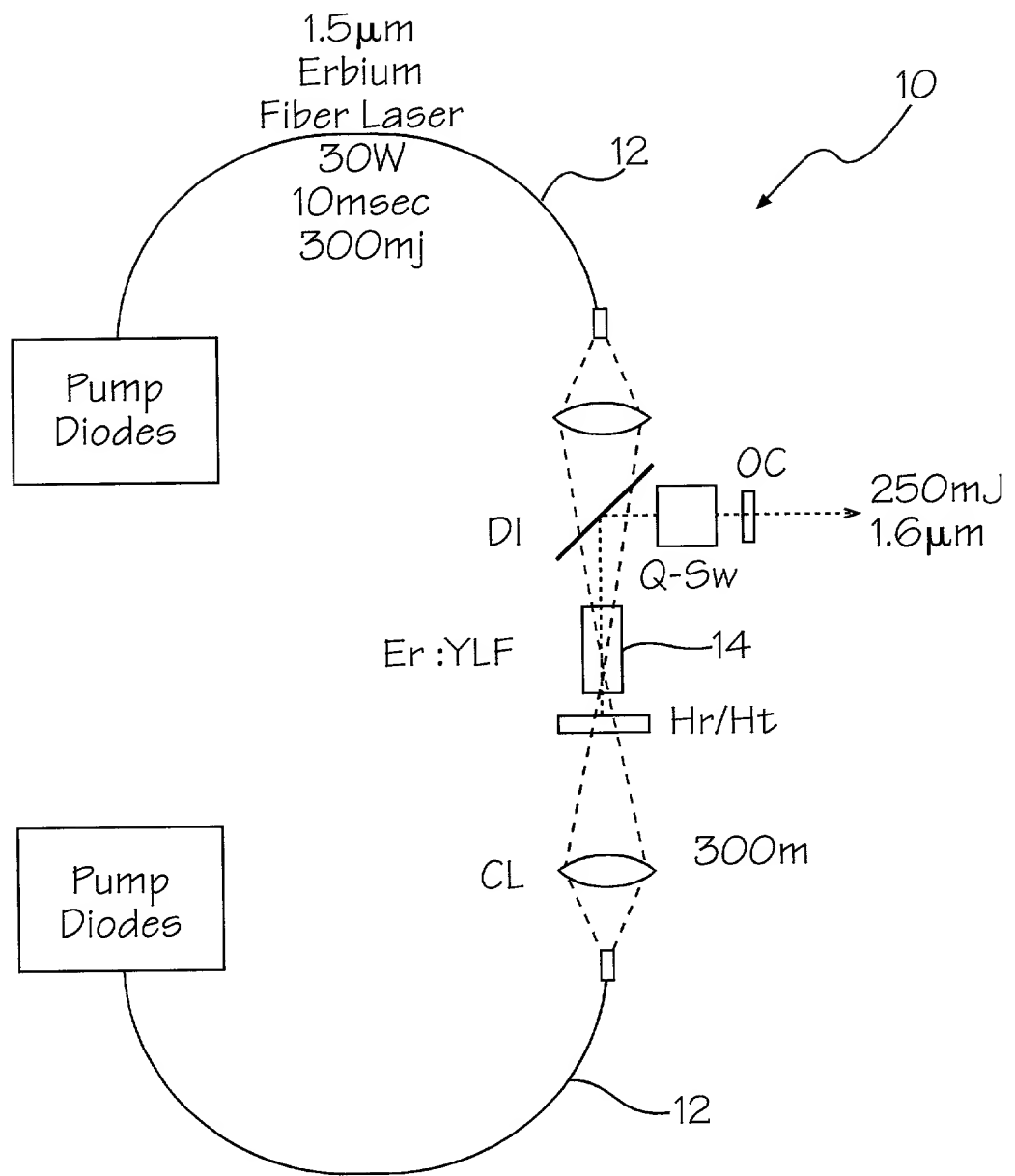


Figure 5